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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS - FY-1978 AGREEMENTS

REF: (A) STATE 212833; (B) MEXICO 12935

1. EMBASSY ANTICIPATES NO REPEAT NO DIFFICULTY CON-
CLUDING AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZED BY PARAS ONE (A), (B),
AND (C) OF STATE 212833 PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER ONE.
TOTAL AMOUNT OF FY 1978 FUNDING COVERED BY THESE THREE
AGREEMENTS WILL BE \$8,520,000.

2. WE SERIOUSLY DOUBT THAT POLITICAL REALITIES HERE
WILL PERMIT ATTORNEY GENERAL TO SIGN A SEPARATE AGREE-
MENT CONCERNING FEDERAL JUDICIAL POLICE (FJP) PROFES-
SIONALIZATION NOW OR IN FY 1979. IT WAS FOR THIS
REASON THAT WE PROPOSED ADDING THE FUNDS FOR THIS
PURPOSE TO THE EXISTING FIELD SUPPORT AGREEMENT.

3. THE FIELD SUPPORT AGREEMENT REQUIRES THAT ALL EX-
PENDITURES BE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON BY REPRESENTATIVES
OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS. THUS IT IS POSSIBLE, BY AGREEMENT
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BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE,
TO "EARMARK" PORTIONS OF THESE FUNDS FOR SPECIFIC
PURPOSES. THIS COULD BE DONE BY AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS
BETWEEN THE NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE ATTACHE AND THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CORRESPONDENCE
WHICH WOULD NOT RPT NOT REQUIRE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TO OBTAIN A CLEARANCE FROM THE SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN

RELATIONS.

4. EVEN IF THE FUNDS WERE INCLUDED IN THE FIELD SUPPORT AGREEMENT AS WE PROPOSED IN REF (B), THE EMBASSY WOULD MAINTAIN SEPARATE ACCOUNTING OF THE PORTION "EARMARKED" FOR THE MFJP PROJECT. IN OUR VIEW, THE "EARMARKING" AND SEPARATE ACCOUNTING WOULD MAINTAIN THESE FUNDS DISTINCT FROM THE FIELD SUPPORT FUNDING, CLEARLY SPECIFY THAT THEY MUST BE USED FOR FJP PROFESSIONALIZATION, AND, SINCE THEY ARE PROVIDED FOR THE PURPOSES ALREADY APPROVED BY CONGRESS, NOT RPT NOT REQUIRE ANOTHER ADVICE OF PROGRAM CHANGE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT THE DEPARTMENT REVIEW THE POSITION TAKEN IN PARA ONE (D) OF STATE 212833 IN THE LIGHT OF THE FOREGOING AND ADVISE WHETHER IT CAN AUTHORIZE AMENDMENT OF THE FIELD SUPPORT AGREEMENT OF 15 MAY 78 AS PROPOSED IN MEXICO 12935, PROVIDED THAT THE EMBASSY AND ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE EXCHANGE LETTERS "EARMARKING" THE FUNDS BEFORE THE AMENDMENT IS EFFECTED.
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